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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER KIRK'S HEALTH

1. PRIME MINISTER KIRK IS REPORTED TO BE SUFFERING FROM INFLUENZA. ALTHOUGH HE ATTENDED A SCHOOL DEDICATION CEREMONY AUGUST 18 AND CABINET MEETING AUGUST 19, KIRK HAS CURTAILED MOST OTHER ACTIVITIES SINCE AUGUST 16.

2. KIRK HAS NOT YET ENTIRELY RECOVERED FROM PULMONARY EMBOLISM SUFFERED FOLLOWING APRIL VARICOSE VEINS OPERATION. IN ADDITION HE HAS BEEN DRIVING HIMSELF EXTREMELY HARD. HE HAS PARTICIPATED IN TWO MARATHON SITTINGS OF PARLIAMENT (ONE LASTING 34 HOURS) IN THE PAST TWO WEEKS. KIRK IS OBVIOUSLY FATIGUED AND IN NEED OF A REST. WITH US TRIP, VISITS OF MALYSIAN PRIME MINISTER AND THE SHAH OF IRAN, AND SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION MEETING TAKING UP NEARLY ALL OF HIS TIME BETWEEN EARLY SEPTEMBER AND EARLY OCTOBER HE IS UNLIKELY TO GET ANY RESPITE BEFORE PARLIAMENTARY RECESS SCHEDULED FOR MID-OCTOBER.
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